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Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
Section of Environmental Analysis  
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**RE: STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 145X), Union Pacific Railroad Company - Abandonment Exemption - in Stanislaus County, California (Tidewater Subdivision near Modesto, California)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

On March 27, 2000, Union Pacific Railroad Company filed a Notice of Exemption to abandon service over a 5.62 mile line of railroad from Milepost 26.43 near McHenry to Milepost 32.05 in Modesto, California. Abandonment of the "southern" segment of the line from Milepost 30.63 to Milepost 32.05 was consummated by letter to the Board dated May 29, 2001. The rest of the line (the "northern" segment) was encumbered by a trail condition, from Milepost 26.43 to Milepost 30.63. The trail condition was extended numerous times to facilitate acquisition of the right of way by the City of Modesto. After discovery of a milepost error by Union Pacific (see letter dated April 18, 2002 from Union Pacific to Vernon Williams), the Board, by Decision Served April 26, 2002, modified the NITU to reflect the correct mileposts, from Milepost 26.43 to Milepost 30.35 (rather than 30.63). Thereafter, by letter dated April 2, 2003, the Board was advised that the northern segment (Milepost 26.43 to Milepost 30.35) had been transferred to the City of Modesto pursuant to a negotiated trail agreement with the closing occurring on January 23, 2003.

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Board that on March 1, 2005, Union Pacific consummated abandonment on the segment of the line from Milepost 30.35 to Milepost 30.63. This is in addition to the abandonment previously consummated on the segment from Milepost 30.63 to Milepost 32.05 on May 29, 2001. Salvage operations on the entire line, including the trail segment, were completed on March 1, 2005 and all conditions including RR tie disposal and dust control measures were complied with by the salvage contractor.

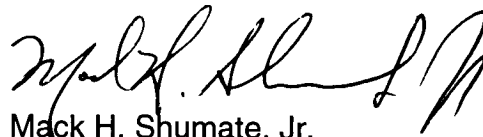
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An additional ten (10) copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mack H. Shumate, Jr.", written over the typed name.

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